

Opioid Epidemic Task Force Treatment Workgroup

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Highlight of two collaborations

- Buprenorphine Access
 - Addiction Hotline

Cross Work Group Collaboration: Buprenorphine Access

- Collaboration between the Treatment and Provider workgroups and will serve as a resource to the Primary Care Physician (PCP) trained to become certified providers of Buprenorphine.
- Planned MOU with NYS OASAS certified treatment providers and the trained Physicians
 - Certified Physicians will paired with a certified treatment provider
 - PCP will have access to these providers who will serve as a mentor for any questions or assistance with patient care
 - Facilitate collaboration and the ability to refer to each other as the Level of Care warrants

Addiction Hotline to be Operated by Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service

- 24/7 access for screening, brief assessment and linkage/referral for the community
- 24/7 access for consultation for providers
- Consultation/Assistance with the Rapid Evaluation Appropriate Placement (REAP) initiative

Addiction Hotline to be Operated by Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service

- General Implementation Update:
 - Interviews have started for open positions.
 - Finalizing the schedule and a back up on call plan. Crisis Services is training everyone in the model so demand can be met if volume or staffing patterns dictate
 - Confirming the screening tool that will be used on the hotline.
 - Meeting with Renaissance Addiction Services to plan out the screening questions and process. In addition, determining how Renaissance Addiction Services will best be utilized for consultation and perhaps linkage for assessment possible
 - County has scheduled a meeting with outpatient providers to assist with summarizing service criteria which will serve as a referral tool for counselors
 - SAME DAY ACCESS
 - TIMEFRAME FOR BUPRENORPHINE
 - 2ND LANGUAGE COUNSELORS
 - FAMILY SERVICES
 - SERVICES FOR WOMEN WITH CHILDREN
 - PAYMENTS
 - Finalizing plan with phone number

Treatment Workgroup

- Regularly scheduled monthly meetings, consisting of a broad representation of treatment and prevention providers, family members, peers, hospitals, county staff as well as representatives from NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
- Three Subcommittees:
 - Integrating Family and Support Systems into Treatment
 - Treatment Access
 - Best Practices

Integration of Family Focusing on:

- Education to family related to addiction as a disease, different treatment options, how to be supportive and the difference between supporting and enabling
- Development of standardized handouts to families including treatment options, self help, Al-Anon
- Develop one page marketing materials to post at local establishments such as libraries, grocery stores

Treatment Access Focusing on:

- Access versus availability
- Challenges related to adequately trained workforce, shortage of professionals in WNY
- Navigating insurers requirements

Best Practices Focusing on:

- How to increase supports/resources in the ER and ED
- Long term supports such as case management as this is a life long, chronic disease
- Challenges of different levels of care and criteria for this: chart to define these and who provides each level of care